

To Protect the Health of Our Livestock

A. Interstate Livestock Entry Permit. Prior to entering California, all sheep require a permit from the Animal Health Branch, valid for 15 days. The owner's name, physical address and telephone number are required. Call 916-651-6278 for permits.

Exception: Sheep less than 18 months of age in slaughter channels* that are not pregnant and have not lambled or aborted.



B. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). A CVI is required for all sexually intact breeding sheep. The owner must state on the certificate: **"The animals are not scrapie-positive, scrapie-suspect, or from a non-compliant flock."**

Exceptions:

- Sheep in slaughter channels*
- Sheep moving for grazing without change of ownership.
- Low risk commercial sheep (contact the Animal Health Branch permit desk for more information).

C. Official Identification. All sheep require either:

1. Individual identification approved by the USDA and CDFA.
2. Official ear tags**, Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP) ear tags, tattoos or electronic ID (owner must carry functioning reader) are acceptable.

Exceptions:

- Sheep less than 18 months of age in slaughter channels* that are not pregnant and have not lambled or aborted.
- Castrated sheep less than 18 months of age that are not for exhibition.
- Sheep moving for grazing without change of ownership.

D. *Brucella ovis* test. Rams more than 6 months of age imported into California require a negative *Brucella ovis* test within 30 days before entry OR originate from a *Brucella ovis* free flock. The CVI must include the official ID number, test results, name of the approved laboratory, date of the test, or the "*Brucella ovis* free flock number".

Exceptions:

- Rams moving for grazing.
- Rams entering for exhibition without change of ownership.

ALL sheep EXHIBITED in California require official ID.

All sheep changing ownership in California require official ID, except:

- Animals less than 18 months of age in slaughter channels* that are not pregnant and have not lambled or aborted.
- Castrated animals less than 18 months of age that are not for exhibition.

***Slaughter channels:** sheep moving directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility.

****Official ear tags:** can be obtained through USDA at 916-854-3900 or **toll free 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).**



CDFA Animal Health Branch	
Sacramento (HQ)	916-654-1447
Permit Line	916-651-6278
USDA/APHIS/VS 916-854-3900 or 877-741-3690	
Livestock Movement Website: http://www.cdca.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/permits.htm	

Eradicate Scrapie: National Scrapie Education Initiative www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahps/scrapie

USDA Veterinary Services Scrapie Program <http://animalagriculture.org/scrapie/Scrapiehtm>

CDFA Scrapie Regulations www.cdca.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/scrapie_info.htm#AlertLoop